

HOUSE RESOLUTION 414

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A RESOLUTION to commend and thank all those persons and organization that provided rapid assistance to those affected by the Millington flood.

WHEREAS, on the weekend of May 1-2, 2010, the State of Tennessee experienced record levels of flooding as the result of tremendous amounts of rainfall throughout the State, bringing devastation and disaster to countless communities, including the City of Millington; and

WHEREAS, the record rainfall in the Millington area resulted in the worst flooding since Christmas Eve 1987, as the canals and other tributaries throughout the city that drain into Big Creek were inundated; and

WHEREAS, a swollen drainage ditch on the east side of the Naval Support Activity Mid-South base spilled over and caused extensive flooding, resulting in extensive damage and leading to the evacuation of the facility; and

WHEREAS, deluged by a rainfall larger than a 100-year storm event, many Millington residents rushed to higher ground as the Indian Meadows subdivision and the Shady Oaks mobile home park flooded; and

WHEREAS, all first responders including firefighters, police, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics were willing to do their jobs and rescue victims even though the risk to themselves was great; and

WHEREAS, the coordination of action by the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, in conjunction with the Mayor and City Aldermen of Millington, aided countless residents as both the Ed Rice Community Center and the Baker Community Center were opened as Red Cross shelters to victims of the flood; and

WHEREAS, seeking to help their neighbors, groups such as the First Baptist Church of Millington, the American Red Cross Mid-South Chapter, and the Salvation Army immediately began providing assistance, as everyday Tennesseans showed why this state is called the "Volunteer State" by helping rescue neighbors, providing shelter, helping clean up, providing food and water, and donating money; and

WHEREAS, governmental assistance has been forthcoming through the actions of President Barack Obama, U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander, U.S. Senator Bob Corker, and Governor Phil Bredesen as well as the local officials of Shelby County, including Commissioner-elect Terry Roland, and especially the Mayor and City Aldermen of the City of Millington; and

WHEREAS, the timely response of all involved provided a modicum of comfort for residents of the City of Millington and the surrounding area who have lost so much; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that this body extends its commendation and thanks to all first responders, TEMA, FEMA, all federal, state, and local officials, volunteer organizations, and private citizens who stepped forward to aid the City of Millington and its residents in their time of need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the City of Millington with this final clause omitted from such copy.